(c) whether it is also a fact that the AICTE had cautioned students not to seek admission in some colleges; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) To caution the students about the unapproved programmes/courses, the All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE), has given a Public Notice dated 19.02.2006. The Council advised the students in the Public Notice that the following points must be taken into consideration before taking decision on admission into the courses/programmes of technical education that:

(i) the Courses/programmes are approved by AICTE;

(ii) the approved course/programmes are affiliated to concerned affiliating authority/University (Not applicable in case of PGDM/ PGDBN courses);

(iii) the Institution has adequate infrastructural, instructional and other facilities including faculty as per AICTE norms.

(iv) the programmes that are being run with the collaboration or in twinning arrangement with Foreign Institutions/Universities have the approval of AICTE.

The AICTE has also opened Student Facilitation Counters at the Headquarter and the Regional Offices where the required information in respect of approved technical programmes/courses is available. Also from the concerned institution's website disclosures, made mandatory by AICTE *inter-alia* on the profile of the faculty, teaching and learning process, fees, admission procedure, infrastructural facilities, placements etc. can be looked for by the students. Students can also send both their queries and suggestions on the ACITE website www.aicte.ernet.in

Introduction of new NCERT syllabus in States

1364. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have introduced NCERT text books based on new syllabus;

(b) if so, the States which have introduced the same;

(c) the States which have undertaken to introduce the same at a future date;

(d) whether there was any objection on the contents of some of the text books introduced in the school;

(e) the nature of these objections; and

(f) the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NCERT has granted copyright to Goa (for Classes I, III, VI, IX and XI),

Haryana (for Classes VI, IX and XI), Sikkim (for Classes IX and XI) and Uttaranchal (for Classes VI and XI) on their request for adoption/ adaptation/translation of its textbooks based on NCF-2005 for the academic Session 2006-2007.

(c) States of Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh have requested NCERT for Copyright of textbooks based on NCF-2005 from the academic Session 2007-2008.

(d) to (f) No objection have been received from any State.

Computer education through schools

1365. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme on computer education to be imparted through schools;

(b) if so, the schemes and their essential features;

(c) the pattern of the assistance envisaged under the scheme; and

(d) the allocations made to various State Governments, State-wise, since the enforcement of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Scheme Information and Communication Technology at Schools was launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in December 2004. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided